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Title: *Device and Procedure for Analyzing  
Spectrophotometrique of Fluids*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Enclosed is a substitute specification, claims and abstract (20 pages), which amends the verified English translation of the patent application by inserting headings in the specification; by amending the claims to eliminate the multiple dependencies, and to renumber the second claim 16 as claim 33 and the second claim 25 as claim 34; and by conforming the Abstract in accordance with preferred U.S. Patent Office practice. It is respectfully requested that the Preliminary Amendment be entered before calculating the filing fees and that the substitute application be used for examination purposes.

A marked-up version of the changes made to the application is attached and entitled *Version with Markings to Show Changes Made*.

REMARKS

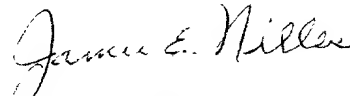
Entry of the amendments and examination of the application are respectfully requested.

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